THE PURPLE HEART

a NEW BROOKLYN COMIC by
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SO...UH... HOW DID YOU...?

HEART OF BROOKLYN. YOU?

THE GREEN POINT.

REST IN

PEACE.
HAVE YOU HEARD ANY-THING ABOUT THE CLANS?

THE CLANS? YEAH, I HAVE.
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

"AFTER BROOKLYN 86'D THE CITY, WE WERE ALL IN A BAD PLACE."

"NO LIGHTS, NO WATER

"NO LIGHTS, NO WATER. FOOD RAN OUT QUICK."

"WE COULDN'T EVEN ASK FOR OUTSIDE HELP IF WE WANTED TO."

"SO, SINCE WE COULDN'T,
WE TURNED TO EACH OTHER."

"IT STARTED OUT WITH, 'HEY, YOU KNOW HOW TO GARDEN? I KNOW HOW TO HOTWIRE THIS CON ED GRID.'"

"THEN IT MOVED TO, 'HEY, SINCE WE'RE KIND OF SELF SUFFICIENT NOW, WHY DON'T WE JUST MOVE ALL INTO THE OLD CHURCH?'"

THAT'S HOW THE *NEIGHBOR-HOODS* BECAME *CLANS*.

WHAT'S WITH THE *CHAMPIONS?*

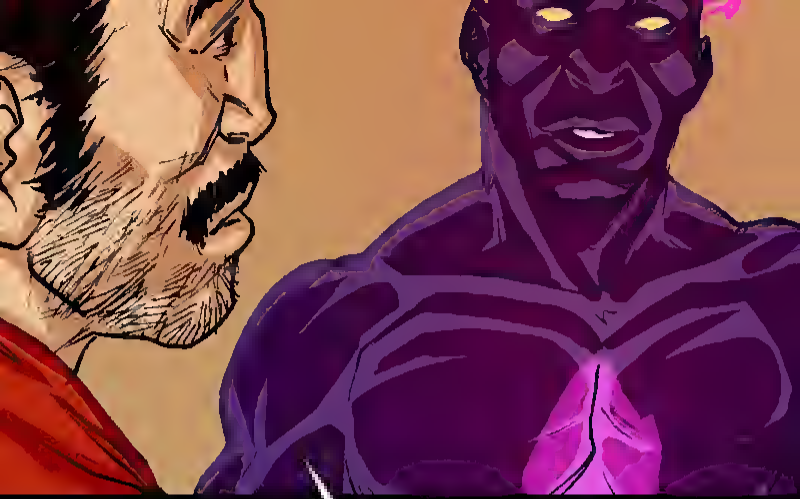
OMG, HE'S FROM CANARSIE, RIGHT?
REPRESENT!
WELL, HE GOT TASKED WITH BEING THAT CLAN'S CHAMPION.

CHAMPIONS FIGHT EACH OTHER FOR THE *HONOR* OF REPPIN' THEIR

SPOT.

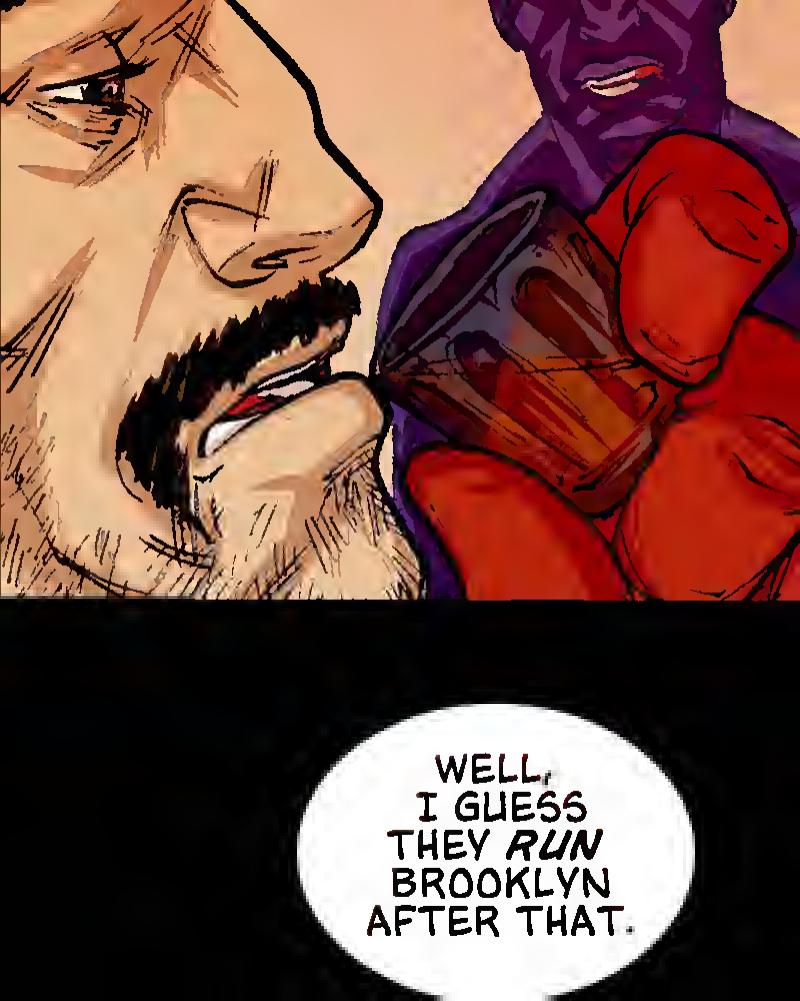
WINNER TAKES ALL.

WHY DID *REGGIE* WANT ME TO KILL HIM?


'CAUSE YOU CAN'T HAVE SOMEONE QUESTIONING YOUR LEADERSHIP.

THAT'S THE OLD WAYS.

SO, WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE KEEPS WINNING AND TAKING ON NEW NEIGHBORHOODS?


WELL, I GUESS THEY *RUN* BROOKLYN AFTER THAT.

WAIT, WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WELL, I GUESS THEY'D *RUN* BROOKLYN IF THEY DID THAT.

THAT'S IT.
THAT'S WHAT?
EXIT

THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT THAT *LADY* MEANT.

I'VE GOT TO STOP THESE *CRIMINALS*.

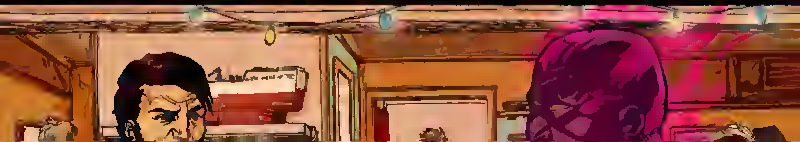
HEY!

WHY'RE YOU CALLING THEM CRIMINALS?
BECAUSE THEY'RE KILLING OTHERS.

THAT'S A VERY BLACK AND WHITE WAY TO LOOK AT IT.

GOOD OR BAD, THESE ARE THE *PEOPLE* OF BROOKLYN.

THIS IS WHAT THEY WANT.



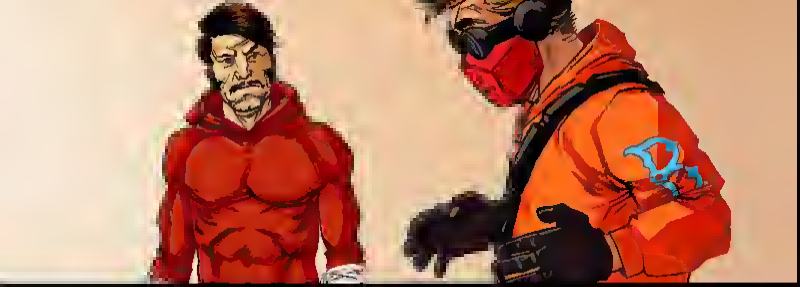
THIS IS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE... THE *HEART* OF BROOKLYN.
NOT QUITE, BUT THANK YOU.

WHO WAS THAT?
EXIT

I DON'T KNOW, BUT HE DIDN'T A *COSMIC SWORD* IN MY CHEST, SO HE'S OKAY IN MY BOOK.

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

THERE'S, LIKE, *NINE ZIPPERS* ON THIS COSTUME!



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